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Application No.: 10/084,262

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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
CONTINUOUSLY FORMING DYE  
SUBLIMATION IMAGES IN SOLID  
SUBSTRATES

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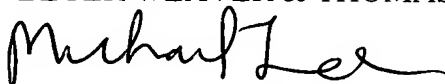
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